

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new paragraph relating to the website disclosure of votes.

Pages H3540–41

H. Res. 301, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 220, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 219.

Pages H3499–H3506, H3508–10

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3509, H3509–10, H3510, H3523–24, H3524, H3526, H3526–27, H3527–28, and H3528. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the economic impacts of production, processing and marketing of organic agricultural products. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Reset. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Army: LTG Stephen Speakes, G8; LTG Ann Dunwoody G4; and LTG William Mortensen, Army Material Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Army/Marine Corps Personnel Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1; and LTG Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Power.

FINANCIAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard from Lurita A. Doan, Administrator, GSA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued

appropriation hearing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses (Native Americans).

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Alternative Transportation Fuels: An Overview.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE PROGRAM EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Program Efficiency and Integrity.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Stuart E. Wright, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections; Daniel S. Fridman, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and Special Counsel for Health Care Fraud, Department of Justice; and Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

LEBANON’S POLITICAL SITUATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the Political Situation in Lebanon. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ISOLATING PROLIFERATORS AND SPONSORS OF TERROR

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, and the Subcommittee on Domestic, and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology of the Committee on Financial Services held a joint hearing on Isolating Proliferators and Sponsors of Terror: The Use of Sanctions and the International Financial System to Change Regime Behavior. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control;

the following officials of the Department of State: Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs; and Patricia McNerney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; Sarah Steelman, Treasurer, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Can BioShield Effectively Procure Medical Countermeasures that Safeguard the Nation?" Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Runge, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs (Acting) and Chief Medical Officer, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Gerry Parker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response; Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Jesse Goodman, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA.

SUBPOENAS REGARDING RECENT TERMINATION OF U.S. ATTORNEYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Postponed consideration of the following: a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Monica Goodling for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; and a resolution directing the House General Counsel to apply to a United States district court for an order immunizing from use in prosecutions the testimony of, and related information provided by, Monica Goodling under compulsion at proceedings before or ancillary to the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1294, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2006; and H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Dole; Representatives McIntyre, Moran of Virginia, Scott of Virginia, Wolf; Hayes, Jones of North Carolina, and

McHenry; Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 401, National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2007.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Ensuring Fairness and Accuracy in Elections Involving Electronic Voting Systems. Testimony was heard from Gracia Hillman, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems, GAO; Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, during consideration of H.R. 1495 in the House, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson, Welch of Vermont, Stupak, Blumenauer and Baker.

SOWING THE SEEDS THROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides for 1 hour of general

debate on H.R. 363, Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as an original bill and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment are waived except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, during consideration of the bill the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon and Representative Hall of Texas.

DC HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT; AMEND INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO ADJUST ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENT SAFE HARBOR BASED ON INCOME FOR PRECEDING YEAR IN THE CASE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME GREATER THAN \$5 MILLION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule. With respect to H.R. 1905, the rule provides for 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1905, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1905 with or without instructions.

With respect to H.R. 1906, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million, the rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except those arising under clauses 9

or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1906 with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that, if either bill fails of passage or fails to reach the question of passage by an order of recommittal, then both bills shall be laid upon the table. Otherwise, in the engrossment of H.R. 1905, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 1906 at the end and conform the resulting bill. H.R. 1906 and H.R. 1433 shall be laid upon the table. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, during consideration of either H.R. 1905 or H.R. 1906, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Issa.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE DOWNSIZING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held an oversight hearing on Proposals to Downsize the Federal Protective Service and Effects on the Protection of Federal Buildings. Testimony was heard from Representative Wu; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; the following employees of the Federal Protective Service: Inspector Michael J. Brown; Inspector Sterling Proctor, Jr.; Corporal Stanley Nowak; and Officer Jim Ward; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD DEEPWATER REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held an oversight hearing on Compliance with Requirements of the Coast Guard's Deepwater Contract. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Scott Sampson, Section Chief, Development Section, U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic in the Vessel Specifications Branch; Debu Ghosh, Naval Architect, Branch Chief, Boat Engineering Branch; Joe Michael, Assistant Deputy, Systems Implementation, Nationwide Automatic Identification System Project; LCDR Chad Jacoby, USCG, Program Manager, Scaleable Composite Vessel Prototype Program Science and Technology Directorate; Cathy Martindale, Contracting Office Chief, Engineering and Logistics Center; and RADM Gary T. Blore, USCG, Program Executive Officer, Integrated Deepwater System; VADM Paul E. Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Navy; and public witnesses.

VA HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported H.R. 1642, Homeless Veterans Housing at Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center Promotion Act.

WWII MERCHANT MARINE BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; former Merchant Marine Combat Veterans; and representatives of U.S. Merchant Marine veterans organizations.

VA HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on access to VA Health Care: How Easy is it for Veterans? Addressing the Gaps. Testimony was heard from Marcia Brand, M.D., Associate Administrator, Rural Health Policy, Health Resources Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald Cross, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ALL-SOURCE ANALYSIS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on All-Source Analysis. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS—RISING OIL DEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Geopolitical Implications of Rising Oil Dependence and Global Warming." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**BUSINESS MEETING**

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 19, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine rising highway fatalities, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine United States competitiveness through basic research, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine grains, cane, and automobiles relating to tax incentives for alternative fuels and vehicles, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the impact of global warming on private and federal insurance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the current state of the Postal Service along with the efforts underway to implement the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435), 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine bioidentical hormones, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review USDA Farm Bill conservation programs, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Special Operations—Command, 1:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., and on Public witnesses, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on GAO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.